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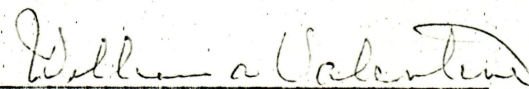
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I therefore proclaim April 21st through the 27th, 1974, National Coin Week and commend the American Numismatic Association for its outstanding work and National Coin Week upon reaching its Golden Anniversary this year.

Signed -



William A. Valentine
Mayor of Rome, N. Y.

Squillace, chairman; Mrs. Richard Gifford and Mrs. Jimmy Witt.

Mrs. JoAnn Larkin was cohostess for the evening.

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The Rome Numismatic Society was founded in October 1972. Through a period of trial and error we grew in number to an approximate 45 active members today.

As soon as we were able we joined the A.N.A. and in doing so we were able to use the various slide programs to bring further interest to the club. Also, members gave very interesting talks on coins and the hobby. Several members displayed their collections of medals and coins.

Our present officers for the club are:

Donald Wilbur	President
Tim Donovan	Vice President
Joan Maynard	Secretary
Paul Urtz	Assistant Secretary
Carl Bachman	Treasurer
Angelo DePasquale	Program Chairman

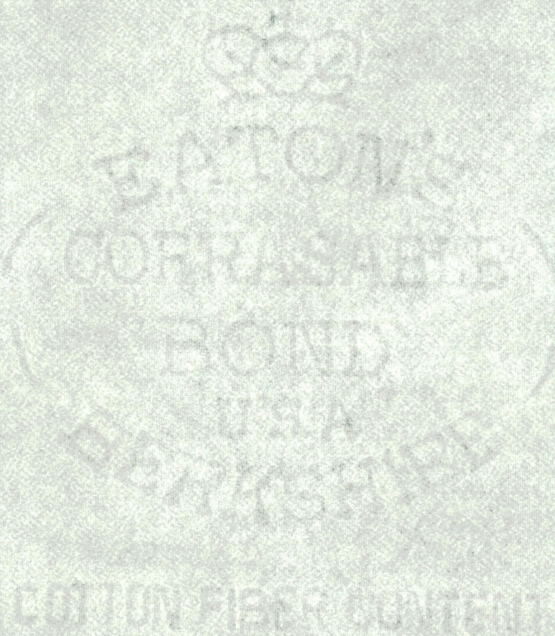
This year we have had a suitable certificate made up to show our appreciation to those who have contributed to make the club successful and interesting.

We are hoping that we will be able to sponsor a coin show in the future as we feel that it would bring in more members into the club.

We are also working to obtain area collectors to come in to give a talk or display their material.

Our club, The Rome Numismatic Society meets from September to June at the Family Y at 7:30 P.M. Regular meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month but in the winter months we meet both the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. We invite all who are interested in numismatics to attend and participate with the other members.

Since our President is a teacher at the Harvey E. Alter Elementary School in the city of Rome, he has written a column titled "The Coin Corner" for a publication that is circulated to the student body. This column has brought great interest among the students in the school. He has found great interest among the students of the third thru sixth grades. Many of these students also attend the meetings of our club, The Rome Numismatic Society.



The following two pages are copies of the articles that were published by the students in the Harvey E. Alter publication "The Harvey Alter Cool".

This publication is distributed to the 350 students of Alter School.

The column was written by Donald R. Wilbur, President of the "Rome Numismatic Society". Mr. Wilbur is a member of the School Staff.

To answer...

THE COIN CORNER

your question...

Put your hand in your pocket and see if you have a penny.... You do... good. Now take time to look at it. What do you see? A piece of copper with the head of Abraham Lincoln on one side and the Lincoln Memorial on the back. How was this penny made?

Pennies, like all coins, are struck (made) in one of the three mints of the Treasury Department. The three mints are located at Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco.

First, a make-up box is weighed on a floor scale. It is called a make-up box because it holds the raw metal from which coins are made up. A big crane picks up the box and takes it to the melting furnace. The furnace is electric and gets red hot. When the metal is put inside the furnace it melts. The furnace is big enough to hold 15,000 pounds of metal.

The melted metal is then poured into a mold that looks like a giant candy bar. The bar is called an ingot. When the melted metal cools it gets hard again. The bar is about 18 feet long and weighs about 7,000 pounds.

Each bar is cut in half. Now there are two bars. They are called slabs. Each one must be eight and a half feet long and weigh 3,300 pounds. Any scrap is sent back to the furnace. Nothing is wasted.

Then another electric furnace heats each slab to the right temperature so it will be soft enough to be rolled out.

The slab is red hot and is six inches thick when it leaves the second furnace. Then the slab is squeezed through a pair of rollers. The rollers are so close together and press down so hard that when the slab comes out after several trips back and forth it is only one-half inch thick.

The rolled-out slab is still red hot. It must be cooled to room temperature. Now it is sent through two sprays of water to cool it.

The top and bottom of the slab must be smooth. A machine shaves the top and bottom. The shavings go back to the furnace. The strip is then rolled up into a coil.

Even though the coiled strip is very thin, it is not thin enough. So the strip is put through another roller mill until it comes out only a tenth of an inch thick.

When the uncoiled strip is about 400 feet long, the rough edges are cut off to make it smooth. Now it is rolled down in the third rolling mill to one-twentieth of an inch thick, 15 inches wide.

The strip is now ready for punching out round pieces of metal about the size of a penny. They are called blanks or planchets. This machine works just like a cookie cutter.

The blanks are put into a gas furnace to be softened again. They come out of the furnace red hot and drop into water to cool. The blanks are then cleaned and polished. Then they are rinsed off with water and dried. Then the blanks are rolled through a machine to give them a rim or edge. Then the penny blanks are put through the coin presses. The presses give each penny a heavy blow and the design is placed upon the blank. Then the coins are counted and bagged and are shipped to the banks to be put into circulation and then into our pockets for us to spend.

Mr. Wilbur
Fifth Grade Teacher



THE COIN CORNER



Since I've been a coin collector, I've been asked many times the question, "How much is this coin worth?". In order to answer such a question, one must first see the coin or ask many questions about it. First, one must know what the coin is. Here in the United States, our government has made, through the years, the following denominations of coins: half cents, cents, two-cent pieces, three-cent pieces, half dimes, nickels, dimes, twenty-cent pieces, quarters, half-dollars, dollars, quarter eagles, half eagles, eagles, and double eagles.

Our first coins were made in 1793 and coins have been made ever since. Coins are made by the Bureau of the Mint of the Treasury Department. Mints have been located in Charlotte, North Carolina; Carson City, Nevada; Dahlonega, Georgia; Denver, Colorado; New Orleans, Louisiana; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and San Francisco, California. Each of the mints stamp their assigned letters on the coin for proper identification. The mint marks for the mints are, Charlotte (C), Carson City (CC), Dahlonega (D), Denver (D), New Orleans (O), San Francisco (S), and at the Philadelphia mint no mint mark is used. Today only the mints at Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco are making coins. In Washington, D.C. paper money is made and no coins produced.

One must also know what condition the coin is in. An inexperienced collector is unable to grade the condition of the coin correctly. It may look good to the collector, but that is not good enough. In coin collecting, a coin is examined very closely and then put into a group. Coins must never be cleaned. Coins are grouped as Proof Coins (Prf), Uncirculated Coins (Unc), About Uncirculated (AU), Extra Fine (EF), Fine (F), Very Good (VG), Good (G), and Fair (Fa). The grading depends upon the amount of wear on the coin.

When the collector or dealer has all of the above information on the coin, THEN he is able to say how much the coin is worth. You MUST remember that what a coin is worth IS NOT how much you can expect to receive if you sell it to a dealer. You must remember that a dealer must make a profit for he also must make a living.

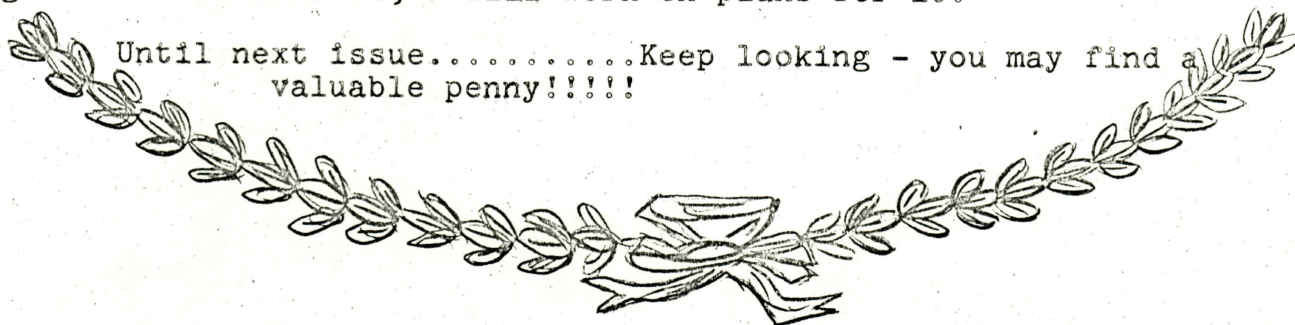
The collecting of money is called Numismatics (nu' miz mat' iks). Coin Collecting is only one area of Numismatics. A person may also collect paper money (currency), medals, tokens, wooden money, and elongated coins (coins that are pressed thin by special machines), and decorations.

A Coin Club meets at the Family Y each 4th Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. It is free and boys and girls of all ages are invited. The meetings are over by 9:00 p.m. I will try to answer questions you might have if you will write them out and give them to me. I do not claim to know everything about the hobby, but I will try my best.

Mr. Wilbur, 5th Grade

Please let me know if you would like to have a coin club here at Alter. If enough interest is noted, I will work on plans for it.

Until next issue.....Keep looking - you may find a
valuable penny!!!!



Since this (1974) is the second year for our club we entered into the celebration of NATIONAL COIN WEEK rather cautiously. We did our best to reach as many people as we thought would be interested in the hobby.

President Donald R. Wilbur, a teacher in the Rome Public School System with the cooperation of the Public Relations Committee of the Rome Teacher's Association along with club members Mike Rossi and Paul Urtz were interviewed by radio station WRNY. The half hour interview consisted of a discussion of coins, coin collecting and of our club.

The club also secured an official proclamation signed by William A. Valentine, Mayor of Rome. This proclamation was published in the Rome Daily Sentinel. The Sentinel is a daily newspaper and has a distribution of 16,000 copies daily.

It was also promoted by other articles published in the Rome Daily Sentinel.

Since this was our first opportunity to officially celebrate NATIONAL COIN WEEK, we did not have ample and suitable material to have adequate displays within the city. We will put this as our first priority for 1975.

Although this was our first attempt in the national celebration we feel that we did some to promote the hobby to the people of our city.

The following page is from the publication "The Wink",
the publication of the Rome Teacher's Association.

It is distributed to the 575 members of the Teacher's
Association.

The Social Committee arranges the social activities of RTA.

The retirement dinner is presently being planned and arranged for early June.

The committee, wishing to serve the membership more effectively, is open to suggestions and ideas for social events.

Contact Marie Rizzuto at Lake Delta if you have any requests.

The Public Relations Committee met recently to discuss the upcoming bloodmobile, paper drive, continuing radio programs.

During National Coin Week (April 21-27) Donald Wilbur, Alter and 2 other members of local coin clubs will be guests of WRNY's Roman Forum.

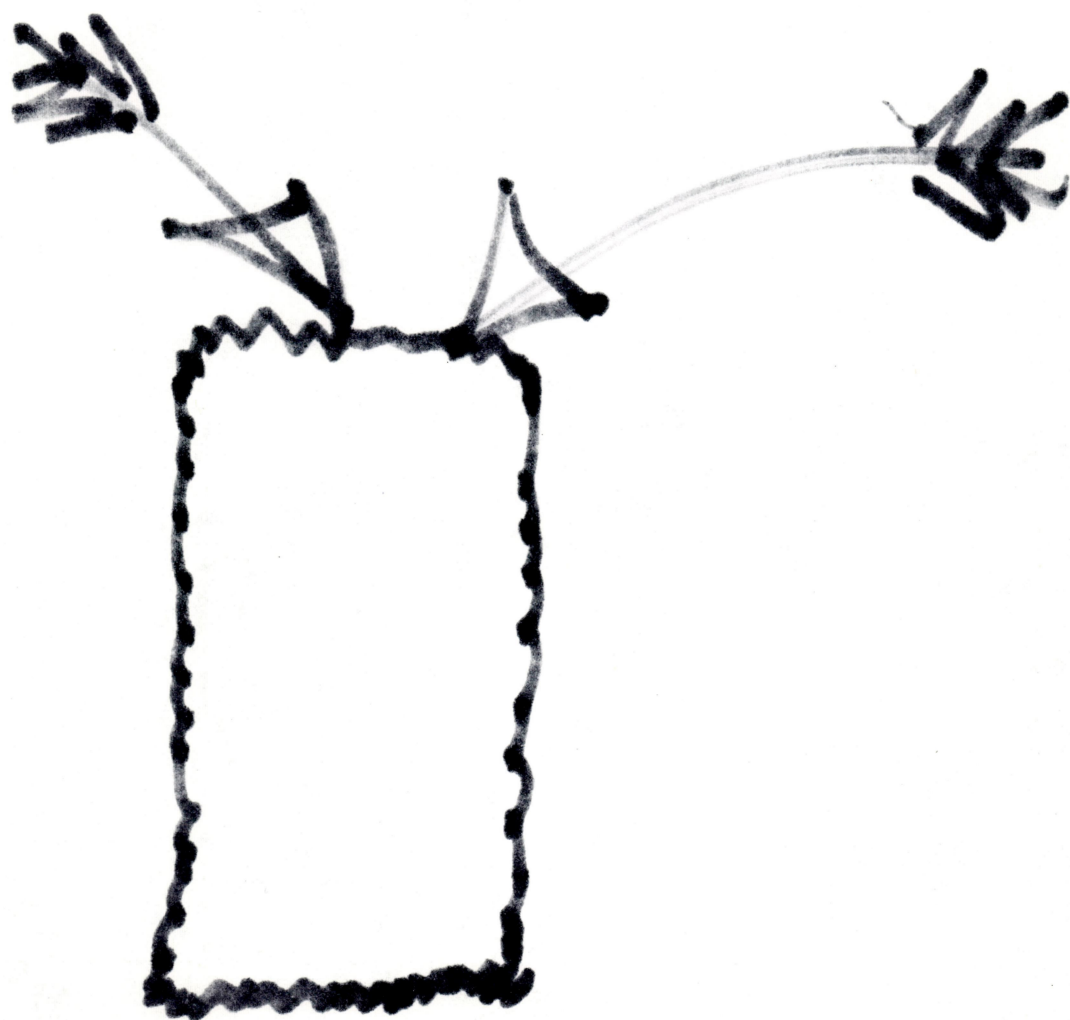
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April 24, 1974

Teachers are required to register for the RTA's Third Annual Inservice Day at Staley on Friday, May 3. Registration tables, identified by building, will be set up from 8:15 to 8:55 AM in the Staley Cafeteria and all teachers should sign in at the tables. Special teachers should sign in at the tables. Special teachers should sign in at the tables marked with the names of the buildings at which they receive their pay checks. Building representatives or their appointees will man the tables. Any teacher who cannot attend the Inservice Day should make the usual arrangements for absence - ie report absence to tape, or the teacher may be subject to loss of a day's salary.

These procedures have been approved by the Superintendent and the RTA.



WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR
CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAKE "NATIONAL COIN WEEK" A GREAT
FOR THE CITY OF ROME, NEW YORK. PLEASE SEND CERTIF-
ICATES FOR PRESENTATION AT A LATER DATE.

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